

HOUSE RESOLUTION 163

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dr. Oswell Sibley Sexton on his life's achievements.

WHEREAS, this legislative body is proud to honor those Tennesseans who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Oswell Sibley Sexton is one such estimable person, who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the oldest of six children, Dr. Sexton was born February 27, 1936, in Low Gap to Oswell and Rema Sexton; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Huntsville High School in 1953, he pursued pre-dental studies at Tennessee Technological University and graduated from the University of Memphis dental school with a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree in 1958; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 1957, Oswell Sibley Sexton married Agnes Wrye; and

WHEREAS, with his new wife by his side and dental degree in his hand, Dr. Sexton moved to Biloxi, Mississippi, where he worked for the Air Force from April 1958 to February 1959; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1959, Dr. Sexton returned to Tennessee, settling in Morristown and opening a successful family dental practice, which he operated with his wife, a dental hygienist and the "best employee [he] ever had," for the next forty-five years; and

WHEREAS, a valued member of the dental profession, Dr. Sexton has held membership in the Tennessee Dental Association and the American Dental Association; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Dr. Sexton has always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sexton is the proud father of Suzanne, Greg, Doug, and Sharon, who have blessed him with twenty-one grandchildren, Emily, David, William, Rebecca, Richard, Thomas, Samuel, Catherine, Philip, Michael, Nolan, Gabe, Kelli, Ian, Grant, Ethan, Trevor, Jillian, Spencer, Leah, and Finley, and three great-grandchildren, Adelle, Celia, and Luke; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sexton is affectionately referred to as "Uncle Sib" by his nephew and our esteemed colleague Representative Cameron Sexton; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Dr. Sexton has been deeply involved with his church and has encouraged others in their spiritual journeys; and

WHEREAS, devoted to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Dr. Sexton has been a member of First Baptist Church in Morristown, Manley Baptist Church, Covenant Life Center, and Harvest Outreach Center; and

WHEREAS, he has been involved in church in various capacities as a trustee, deacon, lay renewal, elder, home group leader, and church softball team coach for a recreational league; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sexton is also an active member of his community, and he serves his fellow citizens as a participant in The Gideons International, the Rotary Club, and Jaycees, which he served as president; and

WHEREAS, he has also served on the board of directors of Life Outreach Center in Jefferson City; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Sexton is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we commend Dr. Oswell Sibley Sexton for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.